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DIXIE ON THE BOOM

A bit of traveling in the deep South is all one needs to appreciate the truth in the statement: Dixie is on the boom.

It is a vast story, not yet appreciated by Southerners, much less the nation at large.

Readily evident, is vast industrial expansion. Villages are mushrooming into towns; towns into cities, and cities expanding at a phenomenal pace. We recently stopped in a Southern city of 42,000 population in 1940, now claiming 165,000. The coming of industrial pay rolls has revolutionized Dixie. And the end is not in sight. Housing construction and business growth follow the pay rolls.

Agriculture is booming, too. The mechanization of the farm is progressing, but we believe it is not so far progressed in the deep South as in Virginia. Mechanization of the farm will enable Dixie to spare the labor for the industrial pay rolls and still increase agricultural production.

A side item is the amazing use of natural gas in the deep South. In rural and small town, it is far ahead of Virginia.

Another side item: countless folks who have retired on pensions or income are settling in the deep South because of favorable living conditions.

We should be proud of the upsurge of our beloved Southland. It is the coming region in the nation.

Let us put Virginia in the forefront of progress. We are moving, but we can not let up one instant or our Southern brethren will outrace us.

GOP OUTLOOK

It is clear that the fight for the Republican Presidential nomination will be one of the hardest in history. Both the backers of Taft and the backers of Eisenhower are passionately devoted to their causes. Both are totally convinced that their man is the best bet—not only in his qualifications for the world's most important and exhausting job, but in his ability to win the election.

On the Eisenhower side, one of the most potent arguments is that he is the only available Republican who could unify the country, and be virtually sure of defeating Mr. Truman or any other Democratic nominee. Walter Lippman put the Eisenhower case at its strongest in a recent column. He wrote: "Eisenhower offers much the best way out of the dilemma which is posed as long as the choice is between Taft and Truman or Truman's heir. With Taft the most probable result is another Democratic victory. Next in probability there is a Taft victory achieved by a ruinously bitter and divisive struggle. . . ."

This view is by no means universally held. The Taft camps aggressively denies that their man lacks a great public following.

It appears that the GOP is in for a great inner-party decision, and the results in November depend on how many scars this strife leaves. To win, the GOP must be united within itself, and also attract several million independent voters. The independent voters control the election. Most of them have not made up their minds yet, and the critical mind-making period will be during the sixty days just before November 4.

THOSE CHATTERING MOVIE FANS

(Richmond Times-Dispatch)

We do not condone violence and we think actor James Mason was wrong in slapping William Saroyan in the face when the latter kept talking during the showing of a movie.

Nevertheless, moviegoers everywhere can understand what provoked Mr. Mason into action—if the incident happened as he later described it. Mr. Saroyan, declared the actor, kept up a running line of chatter while the film was being shown and was talking loud enough to drown out the dialogue for the people sitting near by.

Mr. Mason's fellow-sufferers are legion.

Who hasn't found himself seated near a couple of female (some men talk,too) chatterers, or a pair of young love birds, who kept an unceasing flow of conversation while a movie was in progress? The only thing worse than talking moviegoers are those who talk and crunch popcorn at the same time.

We thought about suggesting that theatres build glass-enclosed soundproofed rooms in which talkative folk could sit and watch movies and talk to their heart's content without disturbing anyone.

But probably no one would use such rooms, since presumedly not even the inveterate chatterers go to the movies intending to talk — they just keep their mouths shut once they get there. And you could never get them to admit that their jabbering was so offensive as to justify isolating them from other people.

RED STICKERS FOR RECKLESS DRIVERS

(New York Herald-Tribune)

The proposal to brand with a red stamp the front and rear windows of the cars of reckless drivers is a bold idea, and one well worth considering. As it was suggested to a regional conference on highway safety by Warren N. Gaffney, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance, all motorists would carry a conspicuous label on their front and rearwindows. The safe driver would have a green stamp. The convicted reckless driver would have his car marked with a red stamp —several sizes, we hope, larger than the green. This red mark of shame would remain on the windshield and rear window for one year, during which time the guilty driver would be presumed to be "losing face."

That's the important point— his losing face. Considering the murderous bravado of the small but dangerous number of teen-age hot-rod maniacs that menace the highways, the red sticker might be regarded by them as a kind of red badge of cop-hating courage. The answer to that possibility would be to impose on the red-conviction, the logical penalty, the stamped cancellation of his next permanent lifting of his lincense. Certainly the adult driver who suffers from a compulsion to crowd the speed limit and pass all cars ahead of him would be inhibited by the red brand on his car windows.

One may question, as a general principle, the idea of branding people for anything. But when one looks at the enormity of the death toll from reckless driving on the highways, it would seem that this exception could be made on the principle.

A PATRIOT'S LOVE

(Reprinted from the Winchester Star. From Harcourt Brace & Co., Inc. By Carl Sandburg: "Remembrance Rock")

When we say a patriot is one who loves his country, what kind of love do we mean? A love we can throw on a scale and see how much it weighs? A love we can take apart to see how it ticks? A love where with a yardstick we record how long, high, wide, is it? Or is a patriot's love of country a thing invisible, a quality, a human shade and breath, beyond all reckoning and measurement? These are questions. They are old as the time of mankind and the answers to them we know in part.

We know when a nation goes down and never comes back, when a society or a civilization perishes, one condition may always be found. They forgot where they came from. They lost sight of what brought them along. The hard beginnings were forgotten and the struggles farther along. They became satisfied with themselves. Unity and common understanding there had been, enough to overcome rot and dissolution,enough to break through their obstacles. But the mockers come. And the deniers were heard. And vision and hope faded. And the custom of greeting became "What's the use?" And men whose forefathers would go anywhere, holding nothing impossible in the genius of man, joined the mockers and deniers. They forgot where they came from. They lost sight of what had brought them along.

Atomic Tests Successful

Chicago, Ill.- Small amounts of electric power have been produced from heat energy released in the operation of the experimental breeder reactor, recently completed at the National Reactor Testing Station in Idaho, it was announced here by A. Tammaro, Manager of the Chicago Operations Office of the Atomic Energy Commission.

In a trial run on December 21 and 22, 1951, electrical power of more than 100 kilowatts was generated and used to operate the pumps and other reactor equipment and to provide light and electrical facilities for the building that houses it. Test operations will be resumed early soon after further adjustments to the reactor system.

The heat energy generated was removed from the reactor by a liquid metal at a temperature high enough to generate steam to drive the turbine.

This new reactor was designed and is being operated by the Argonne National Laboratory, Lemont, Illinois—the reactor research center run for the AEC by the University of Chicago. The tests were supervised by Laboratory Director Walter H. Zinn and H. V. Litchenberger, the Laboratory Project Engineer for the Experimental Breeder Reactor.

The principal function of the breeder reactor is the long range goal of converting nonfissionable material into fissionable material more rapidly than nuclear fuel is consumed, a process that would contribute to expansion of the current atomic weapons program.

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4-H Contests Dates Named

Four 4-H club girls will demonstrate their knowledge and skill at homemaking at a series of district 4-H home economics contests in February and March.

They are scheduled for: February 9 in Lynchburg, Culpeper and Winchester; February 16 in Harrisonburg (Monte Video school), and Salem; February 23 in Richmond; March 15 in Petersburg and Pulaski; and March 29 in Abingdon.

State club officials said contests will be held in: bread, canning, clothing achievement, dairy foods demonstration, dress revue, food preparation, frozen foods, home improvement, laundry, and poultry consumption.

Artesia, N. M., Advocate: "Americans want our armed forces to have everything they need, but there is too much waste and too much extravagance. Those directing the spending and handling of the goods which the tax dollars buy are going to have to be just as efficient, just as economical and just as wise in using and spending as the Average American is today. We can't afford as a nation to continue to increase the tax bill—We must be savin- and—spend wisely if we expect to continue as a nation."

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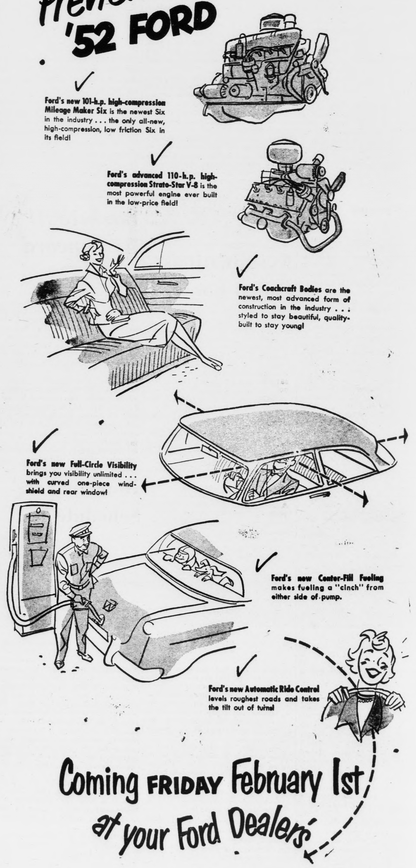
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Asks Increased Dental Aid

Richmond, Va., Jan. 30.- Citing a tremendous increases in appropriations during the past several years, Governor Battle issued a statement this week declaring the General Assembly "has attached increasing importance to the care and treatment of the mentally diseased and defective."

"For the biennium ended June 30, 1944," the Governor said, "the appropriation for maintenance and operation of the state mental hospital system was $5,226,365; for the 52-54 biennium, an appropriation recommended of $19,614,995, an increase over 1942-44 of $14,389,-0, or 275 per cent. For all other current general fund appropriations, the increase is only 218 per cent."

He also referred to the increase in nearly $5,000,000 now recommended over 1950-52, which is one-third greater than the last appropriation and to the per patient appropriation which has risen from 63 cents a day in 1944 to $2.00 in the budget now before the General Assembly.

In addition, $21,500,000 has been spent on capital improvements at the mental hospitals during the past 6 years, which is one-fourth of the total of general fund appropriations for capital outlays at all state institutions.

BREEDING CHART NOW AVAILABLE

Virginia dairymen now can get a revised breeding chart, which will enable them to keep complete and permanent records of dairy cattle breeding from local artificial breeding inseminators.

The chart can be used to record both natural and artificial services, and, says Keith Huston, associate dairy husbandman at VPI, if kept correctly, assures the dairyman that cattle will not be bred either too early or too late. Space is provided for the date of last calving, date of first and second heat after calving, name, number and breed of bull, and various other information needed by an efficient dairyman.

Also included on the chart is a list of times to breed for fall freshening—a practice recommended to Virginia dairymen, a gestation table for various breeds, and a listing of signs of heat.

TOBACCO SEEDING TIPS ARE LISTED

Don't seed tobacco beds too early. R. Mathews, associate agronomist at VPI says research and practical experience indicates that the best average time to seed tobacco plant beds in Piedmont Virginia is during the month of February.

Frequently, beds seeded in January are destroyed by cold weather, which follows warm spells that cause early sprouting of the seed.

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Understanding

Lesson for February 3, 1952

PEOPLE are like books. Some can read them, some can't. You can put a thing down in black and white and still some people will not understand, simply because they can't read. If a person is illiterate it makes no difference how plainly a book is printed or how big the type is or how clear the author's sentences. So a person can be read by some of his neighbors, like a book in plain English; to others who are just as close to him (close, that is, measured by a foot-rule) he might as well be written in Egyptian hieroglyphics for anything they can make out of him.

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Strange Dinner Party

TRUE of all men, this was and is true of Jesus. Luke tells of a dinner party where he was a guest, and puts the spotlight on three persons there: Jesus, the host Simon, and an un-named woman.

The woman was not supposed to be there; she just wandered in off the street. Not that she was a stranger, exactly; she was well enough known in the village so that the host knew what sort of woman she was, even if (being a respectable man) he did not know her name.

Like all guests in those days, Jesus had taken off his sandals and was reclining on the couch beside the dinner table. This woman stood behind him and wept. Her tears fell on his bare feet and she wiped them dry with her long hair.

Jesus at first paid no attention, but the host was scandalized. How could Jesus take it so calmly? How could he let such a woman touch him?

The conversation that went on, as Luke reports it, between Jesus and Simon, shows that the poor woman of the street understood Jesus' heart, while the leading citizen, whose house it was, did not understand Jesus at all. One could read Jesus, the other found him a closed book. Why?

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A Door Barred

THE MAN could not read Jesus' mind and heart because, for one thing, his own mind was made up as to the kind of person Jesus ought to be. He supposed Jesus was the same sort of person as himself—proud, sensitive, careful of his social standing, unwilling to associate with the "lower classes," wanting to be respectable much more than he wanted to be helpful.

In his mind he carried a ready-made pattern of what a "Prophet" ought to be, and so when one who was greater than all the prophets sat at his own dinner table, he could not see him for what he was.

His eyes were blinded, he could not read Jesus, the door to understanding him was closed. He had never learned to read the kind of language which Jesus' life wrote large.

Then there was another reason why this man could not "see" Jesus. It was his own pride. Simon looked down on Jesus so much that he could not even treat him with ordinary politeness.

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A Door Open

BUT the woman understood. She did not know all there was to know about Jesus. And still she understood the depth of his heart.

The door of his heart opened to her—she could read the clear writing of his spirit. She understood him because she was humble. She did not try to fit him into her pattern; in his presence she knew, as the host Simon did not, that his was the true pattern of life and hers the false. She understood him too be-cause of her love.

And so in spite of the immense difference between them, there flowed the light of understanding, even before a word had been spoken. She could read the bright word FORGIVENESS which to Simon was only a blank.

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And So Today

TO this very day, some people can read Jesus while others cannot. And in between are uncounted people who can read him only more or less dimly as through glasses that are not clean, or through the smoke of a city twilight.

But it is still true that pride and prejudice not only keep us from reading the lives of those around us, they keep us from reading the mind of Jesus.

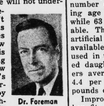
And it is still true that humility and love are the great teachers; they show us how to read the lives of those around us every day, and best of all they teach us how to read the word "Forgiveness" in the mind and heart of Jesus . . . which is the heart of God.

Artificial Breeding Gaining

Artificial insemination of dairy cattle in Virginia is increasing rapidly.

Keith Huston, associate dairy husbandman at VPI, says that incomplete reports from 32 associations in the state indicate that about 35,000 dairy animals of breeding age were bred artificially in 1951. This number represents an increase over last year's number of about 41 per cent. Over 5,700 Virginia dairymen are using artificial insemination as a method of improving their herds.

However, Huston says many dairymen are missing an opportunity. Only 6 per cent of the total number of dairy animals of breeding age are being bred artificially, while 63 per cent have service available. Throughout the seven years artificial insemination has been available in Virginia, some 87 bulls used in the bull studs have had tested daughters. These 1,381 daughters average 9,556 pounds of milk, 4.4 per cent butterfat, and 418 pounds of butterfat at maturity.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Improved production isn't the only benefit dairymen have gained from artificial insemination, Huston says. Improved conformation and size also have resulted, as indicated by the fact that many of the artificially produced animals shown at last year's county and district shows walked off with blue ribbons. Further, artificial breeding is an economy measure. The average dairyman can breed cattle artificially for 1-3 to 1-4 less money than it costs to keep a bull.

EVERGREEN YWA'S

The Evergreen Y. W. A.'s held their monthly meeting on Friday, January 25, in the home of Phyllis Harvey.

The meeting was opened by the president, Rosa Goin.

A program was given by Jo Ann Harris, with six taking part.

Officers for the coming year were elected. They are:

President, Dorothy Paulette
Vice-president, Shirley Hodges
Secretary, Roberta Harvey.

The next meeting will be held with Jo Ann Harris.

Congress told that the need for St. Lawrence Waterway project is urgent.

STILL TIME TO TOP-DRESS PASTURE

Fertilizer applied this winter will pay off in better pastures in the spring. W. W. Lewis, Extension economist at VPI, says top-dressing pastures anytime between now and the end of February will give a boost to grazing in the spring and summer.

Fertilization is particularly important this year, Lewis says, because drough-stricken pastures were "worked-hard" last season. Also livestock numbers are increasing in another.

Virginia, and feed production must keep pace.

For best results, start off by testing your soil. A soil test will tell what lime and plant food requirements are. Soil boxes and instruction sheets are available from county agents.

The specific fertilizer your pasture needs will depend on the type of pasture you have, in addition to the results of your soil test. A ladino-clover-orchard grass pasture will call for one analysis, while a bluegrass-white clover mixture will require

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You can have your Plato and your Socrates. I have my own philosophy, and I think it's pretty good.

The way I see life . . . you have to grow. You have to be a little bit bigger tomorrow than you are today. Otherwise, you'll never become the man your father wants you to be.

The trouble with a lot of people is that they stopped growing a long time ago. They figured when their bodies stopped growing, their souls might as well stop too.

Now that's a shame. 'Cause when the body is full grown, the soul is only partly grown. In fact it's still so undeveloped that if a man doesn't let his soul keep on growing, he'll soon begin to wonder whether he has a soul at all.

There's a Church down the street where I go to keep my soul growing. Why don't you come with me . . . every Sunday. Remember what I said—you have to grow or you'll never become the man your FATHER wants you to be.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . .
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The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. The duty of every citizen is to support the Church. They should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are due: (1) For his own sake. (2) For the children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

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Sunday	Genesis	2	1-7
Monday	Matthew	18	10-14
Tuesday	Mark	10	13-20
Wednesday	Luke	2	47-52
Thursday	1 Corith's	13	9-13
Friday	1 Timothy	6	8-16
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